

REMARKS

Initially, applicant would like to thank Examiner Chin for granting an interview and for his time spent in the interview.

The application has been amended to place the application in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 4-23 were previously pending in the application. Claims 4, 6-12 and 15 are canceled. Therefore, claims 5, 13, 14 and 16-23 are presented for consideration. Claims 4-12 and 16-22 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected species.

Claim 18 is amended to address the claim objection noted in the Official Action.

Claims 13-15 and 23 were rejected as anticipated by NEWELL 5,066,527. That rejection is respectfully traversed.

As pointed out at the interview, claim 13 recites that an inner and a folded over outer layer are connected together along a central or substantially central portion of the outer layer. As suggested at the interview, claim 13 is amended to clarify that the connection extends through the inner and outer layers.

As agreed at the interview, the connection of NEWELL is at the sides of the outer layers and does not extend through the inner and outer layers at a central portion.

As the reference does not disclose that which is recited, the anticipation rejection is untenable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claim 14 is amended along the lines of claim 13. The analysis above regarding claim 13 is equally applicable to claim 14.

Withdrawn claims 4-12 and 16-22 should be examined and allowed as part of the present application because these claims at least include all of the limitations of one of claims 13 or 14.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing Remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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